

Parks and Rec Commission  
Meeting minutes October 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Glassburn at 10:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Commissioner Glassburn, Commissioner Redfeather, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Winbourn, Commissioner Patricca, Director Newbold and Maintenance Supervisor Gene Owens were present from the city.

**Absent:** Commissioner Graham (Commissioner Graham's continued absence will be address at the next meeting). Director Newbold agreed to attempt to contact Commissioner Graham to ascertain his intentions regarding the commission.

**Guests:** Laura Duncan, Candy Kibel, Paul Robertson & Allan Duncan

Agenda: Motion was made by Commissioner Winbourn to adopt the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Winbourn to accept the minutes from the September meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Redfeather and unanimously approved.

Public participation: None

**Director Newbold's report:**

- Williams Youth Center Project continues to raise funds for the \$3500 concrete work around the playground. The 22K for the floor was too large a project for this group.
- September events all went well, 4 have rescheduled for 2011.
- October began with Opry Night and will end with the "Spooktacular Halloween" haunted house and party at the Rec Center and Skate Park on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The pool is currently in hibernation mode. Discussed recreation personnel issues and asked that Commissioner Patricca, as the liaison to the 'Friends of the WAC' be sure they take personnel issues into consideration as they continue with their plans to assist with reopening of the pool.
- Youth and family grant funded programming is in full swing and being attended well.
- **Agenda item K.** RV Camping at Cureton Park for "Turns n Wraps" Dog Agility Competition – it was agreed that this discussion would take place at this time in the meeting.
- Commissioner Williams is concerned that allowing 10 RV's at Cureton Park for this event will take business away from our RV parks and may set a negative precedence.
- The other commissioners understood her concerns and agreed that the businesses could have an issue. They also felt that if every event is dealt with on an individual basis no precedence would be set.
- Commissioner Glassburn asked that Director Newbold speak to Joe Duffy and get his opinion before proceeding.

**Shooting Range:**

- Commissioner Redfeather presented Carol Glassburn with a check for the remainder of the funds she personally loaned WSC to purchase their 40' container, along with a thank you card from the board members.
- The container has been painted a color approved by the Forest Service.
- The first of many open range days was on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next one is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>. There are many different memberships available including a one day membership for a \$5.00 fee.
- Patty Williams suggested that the club produce some informational flyers possibly with a picture and place them strategically around town.
- Carol suggested more newspaper coverage and hand-outs for the Visitor Center.
- Rose will look into having a link added to the city and chamber websites that will connect to the club website.

**Update on Cataract Lake Day Use:**

- Director Newbold informed the commission that Todd Graff had retired and that Dorris Woods, Mr. Graff's secretary, had contacted Joe Duffy immediately to make sure that conversation continues between the city and the county to work towards reopening of that facility.

**Discussion of Sante Fe dam road and access to west side of lake:**

- Laura Duncan noted that with the 4 to 2 vote to keep the road open at the council meeting she was disappointed but continues to work toward a solution that will help to alleviate the problems she feels strongly about with this issue. She presented the commission with her idea for a Plan B proposal (attachment A-3 pages).
- Supervisor Owens stated that the area has been added to his daily maintenance route so he or one of his staff is onsite at least once per day.
- Discussion continued with Commissioners Patricca and Winbourn stressing that the fires and camping must be reported to the Police Department in order to monitor the situation and have accurate documentation of the situation.
- Commissioner Glassburn stated that with the onset of winter the road will be closed fairly shortly. The commission will use their inspection report form and complete an inspection as soon as conditions allow. After completing the inspection the commission will send a recommendation to council.
- Allan Duncan read and presented a letter from Kali Kalechi (attachment B-1 page) stating her position on this issue.
- Commissioner Glassburn also stressed that ultimately the City Council will decide on what access will be available to the area.

**Rotary Park proposal:**

- The Commission has not yet had anyone approach them with a presentation for this proposal. Item will be left on agenda for next month.

**Cowpuncher's Reunion Rodeo:**

- Commissioner Williams stated that Buster Anderson had voiced his disapproval of the improvements made to the Rodeo Grounds by the group. She was uncomfortable going into any particulars as Buster was not there to voice his concerns.

- Director Newbold stated that all the feedback she had received from other organizations that used the facility after the work was completed was all positive.
- Supervisor Owens reiterated Director Newbold's statement and explained how the alteration has made the arena safer for the ropers.
- Commissioner Glassburn asked if the work was authorized through proper channels and was assured that they were.
- The commission will give Buster another month to bring his concerns before them.

**Christmas Decorations in City Parks:**

- Commissioner Winbourn stated that he is installing 6 poles in the east triangle for Christmas decorations. He was concerned about how the Rotary Park would impact this plan. Since the Rotary Park appears to be moot at this time he chose to inform the commission of this plan for poles in the area.

**Set meeting date, time, locations and assignments:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the Rec Center at 10am.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Commissioner Winbourn and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn at 11:05am this motion carried unanimously.